Mountain Weather Forecast

Snowdonia National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 18 May 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 19 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 18 May 2023 at 03:13

Confidence: High confidence in settled conditions over the next couple of days, lower confidence in shower details over the weekend and into next week.

Headline for Thursday 18 May 2023: Patchy cloud with sunny spells and light winds

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 18 May 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** High Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
<05%	<05%	10%	10%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Thursday 18 May 2023

Weather: Perhaps some low cloud banks covering western slopes to start, but this quickly lifting and breaking. Plenty of high cloud gives a mostly cloudy, but fine, day with some hazy sunshine filtering through at times. One or two sunny spells more likely during the early evening, before cloud thickens up towards midnight from the west ahead of a band of rain moving in.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% on western slopes early morning, otherwise 90%

Low Cloud and visibility: Some low cloud with bases 300-500m possible to start on western slopes which will quickly lift and break. All other cloud throughout the day comfortably above summits with visibilities very good to excellent.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	8/10 SW	9/11 SW	7/11 SW	9/12 W	8/11 W	6/7 SW	6/8 W
600	12/14 S	8/11 SW	8/11 SW	9/12 W	6/9 W	6/7 SW	7/9 S
300	7/10 S	5/7 SW	6/9 SW	8/11 W	5/7 W	3/5 SW	3/6 S
Valley	7/10 S	5/7 SW	6/9 W	8/11 W	4/6 W	3/5 SW	4/7 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	7/4	7/4	8/6	8/6	7/4	7/5	7/5
600	9/6	9/7	10/8	10/8	9/8	8/7	8/7
300	10/8	12/11	13/12	13/11	12/11	10/10	10/10
Valley	11/9	13/12	14/13	14/12	13/12	11/11	11/11
Freezing Level*	1800m	1800m	1700m	1700m	1500m	1800m	1900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Fine and dry day across the park, some hazy sunshine seeping through the cloud at times to give a moderate UV risk.

Forecast for Friday 19 May 2023

Weather: Cloud thickening early Friday morning as a band of light rain and drizzle approaches from the west during the small hours, this band of rain affecting the park for much of the morning before slowly pushing southwards to allow for some sunny spells to develop into the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 6-10mph, gusting up to 20 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20%, rising to 80% from midday.

Low Cloud and visibility: Some poor visibilities to start as low cloud pushes across the park from the west, giving some drizzly outbreaks across the summits. Cloud moving southeastwards through the morning to allow for some sunny spells to develop into the afternoon, with visibilities becoming very good to excellent

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 10 Celsius, rising to Plus 14 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 5 Celsius.
Freezing level: Well above summits.

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